

Amendments To The Claims

1.(original) A solid part, comprising a metallic monolith having a dense core surrounded by a porous periphery.

2.(canceled)

3.(original) The part of Claim 2, wherein the porosity varies from more than 25% porosity near the surface to less than 5% porosity 100:m or more from the surface.

4.(currently amended) A solid part, comprising a shaped monolithic metallic structure having a dense core surrounded by a porous periphery characterized by a multitude of interconnected pores.

5.(original) The part of Claim 4, wherein the porosity varies from more than 25% porosity near the surface to less than 5% porosity 100:m or more from the surface.

6.(canceled)

7.(original) A solid part, comprising a metallic monolith having a dense core surrounded by a porous periphery characterized by a multitude of interconnected pores.

8-26.(canceled)